



"IT IS CHARACTERISTIC OF WISDOM NOT TO DO DESPERATE THINGS."

THOREAU

FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

1. It has been a good year despite heavy rains, washed-out trails and roads, and cancelled trips. We scheduled 142 peaks, climbed 106. Financially, we increased the treasury from \$687 in January to \$1014 at the end of the year. We have 31 new 100 peak emblem holders, sixteen 200 peak bar recipients, and 67 new members.
2. I wish to particularly thank How Bailey for outstanding scheduling, Vic Gleason, for secretarial excellence; Vicki Duerr for our financial affluence; Bruce Collier, Larry Salmon, Lew Hill, Warren VonPertz, Les Reid, and particularly, Jerry Russom, for "putting up" with my tight deadlines and immediate requests.
3. The banquet, I believe, was a complete success with 139 people present, 32 "door" prizes, and the usual excellent Sir Michael's cuisine. The social aspects were outstanding. Ken Ferrell surpassed himself in presenting "Memories and Mountains." The 25th anniversary of the 100 peaks game was fully covered by this interesting and exciting performance. Ken, we thank you!

The annual R. S. Fink award was won by Bob Hawthorne. This award is given for service, leadership, character, knowledge, and inspiration. Bob is a worthy recipient. The conservation award winner was Les Reid; Special Oscar award winner was Ken Ferrell. The leadership award to Bob VanAllen and the past chairman pin to Les Stockton.

4. Vicki Duerr, your new chairman, has some progressive ideas concerning the section. I am certain that if you give her the cooperation this section is particularly noted for, the ensuing year will only enhance the already fine reputation of the 100 Peakers.

LES STOCKTON

SCHEDULE PREVIEW

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| March 7 | Pinnacle, Marie-Louise | Herlihy, Paulson |
| March 8 | Cleghorn, Cajon Sugarpine, Monument | Backus, McRuer |
| March 12 | Social Meeting | Ashley |
| March 14 | Condor, Fox | Smith |
| March 21 | Lizard Head | Gleason, Lipsohn |
| March 21 | Smith, Monrovia | Duerr, Masson |
| March 21-22 | San Gorgonio | Herlihy, Henry |
| March 28 | Rabbit, Granite, Roundtop, Iron | Stockton |
| April 4 | Chief, Reyes | Lipsohn, Redheffer |
| April 4 | San Sevaïne, Buck Point | Stockton |
| April 5 | Trail Maint. | Collier |
| April 9 | Social Meeting | Collier |
| April 11-12 | McKinley, San Rafael, Santa Cruz | Northrup Rec. |
| April 18 | Emma, Old Emma | Schedenhelm |
| April 18 | San Rafael Peak | Stockton, Ferrell |
| April 19 | Chuckwalla, Black #3 | Bailey |
| April 25-26 | Cummings, Bear | Gleason |
| May 2 | Bighorn, Ontario | Akawie, Mohn |
| May 3 | Antsell Rock | Backus, McRuer |
| May 9 | Peakbagger's Special | Stockton |
| May 14 | Social Meeting | Reid |
| May 16-17 | Yucaipa Ridge | Van Allen |
| May 23-24 | Cobblestone, White | Lipsohn, Redheffer |
| May 30-31 | So. Sierra Exploratory | Bailey |
| June 6-7 | Pechacho, High Point, Boucher Hill, Hot Springs | Hawthorne |
| June 13-14 | Greenhorn Exploratory | Lipsohn, Herlihy |
| June 20 | Hawkins, etc. | Van Sickle |
| June 27-78 | San Gorgonio (10 peaks) | Northrup Rec. |

PROFILES IN MOUNTAIN HISTORY - NO. 6: The Story of Mount Lowe

Looking southward to the sunlands,
On the ocean's ebb and flow,
Keeping watch o'er Echo Mountain,
Dwells the spirit of Mt. Lowe;
In the glowing light of noonday,
In the midnight calm and lone,
Gazing outward from the summit,
Like a ruler from his throne.

--- from "Dawn on Mt. Lowe" by James G. Clark.

The poem above is just one of many inspired by the view from the summit of Mt. Lowe. Next to Mt. Baldy and Mt. Wilson, Mt. Lowe is probably the best known peak in the San Gabriels, this is because of the famed Mt. Lowe Scenic Railway that climbed its flanks. (Professor Lowe's mountain railway will be the subject of a future profile.)

The earliest known ascent of Mt. Lowe was made in 1887 by Owen and Jason Brown, long-bearded sons of fiery pre-Civil War abolitionist John Brown. They christened it John Brown Peak in honor of their famous father, built a stone monument, and planted a small pinyon pine on the summit. This tree - the only pinyon known on the south side of the range - grew tall and sturdy, and for more than half a century stood as an evergreen monument to the efforts of the Brown Boys. A few months after their ascent, Owen and Jason transferred their interest to a peak further west - the present Brown Mountain.

Hunters who roamed the front range of the San Gabriels in the '80s and early '90s labeled the peak Oak Mountain, for the groves of splended Live Oaks on its upper slopes.

By this name it was known when Professor Thaddeus Sobieski Coulincourt Lowe and a party of distinguished Pasadena citizens ascended it on horseback on September 24, 1892. Lowe was showing his friends his proposed mountain railway, then just beginning construction. One of the party proposed the name "Mt. Lowe", in honor of the man in their midst. The motion was carried by a chorus of ayes, and in the words of G. Wharton James, "There, above the clouds it was named and will continue to be named when every one of the party present at the christening shall have been laid away in mother earth, and generations yet unborn will trace its rugged outlines on their physical geographies and call it Mt. Lowe."

Lowe planned to terminate his mountain railway on the top and construct there a summit hotel, but ran out of funds after reaching Ye Alpine Tavern 1000 feet below. Two well-graded trails were built to the summit in 1893, parts of the famous "Mt. Lowe 8" (parties would start from Echo Mountain and climb Mt. Lowe, crossing their path just once in traveling a hugh figure 8). During the ensuing 43 years of the Mt. Lowe Railway, untold thousands enjoyed the mountain-top scene. Some wrote down their inspiration in overblown phraseology: "At length we stand on the summit of Mt. Lowe! The heights are reached! We are among the peaks! The desire of our hearts is granted to us! And what a view it is! He must indeed be a deadened soul who can gaze upon such an enlarged and perfect scene and not be moved." (G. Wharton James)

In later years the Pacific Electric Railway Company, which took over the mountain railway from a bankrupted Lowe, constructed a small, open observation pavilion on the summit and placed a series of view tubes aimed at various attractions in the lowland below. For Mt. Lowe Tavern visitors who wished to reach the summit the easy way, there was the famous "pony train" which left for the top twice daily on weekends.

With the burning of Mt. Lowe Tavern in 1936 and the subsequent abandonment of the mountain railway, visits to Mt. Lowe almost ceased, and the trails and summit paraphernalia fell into decay. A few rusty, bent poles were all that reminded one of what once was the most visited mountain-top in the Southland.

In October 1968, a volunteer work party of the 100 Peaks Section, under the inspiration and leadership of Ken Ferrell, restored the trails, polished the view tubes, and left a new register book with pictures of the Mt. Lowe of old. Old Mt. Lowe is again worth visiting.

JOHN ROBINSON

Next Issue: Profile #7 - Mt. Harvard and old Martin's Camp

MOUNTAIN RECORDS REPORT

The Mountain Records Committee is currently involved with three major activities:

1. Revising the PEAK LIST to reflect the latest additions and deletions. This is expected to be completed during February.
2. Completing rough draft write-ups for the INDIVIDUAL PEAKS, which developed a sizeable backlog over the holidays. During the next two months, the Committee expects to complete twenty new write-ups, which will be announced in subsequent reports.
3. Publication of Volume One, first of a series of four, pocket-sized, paperbound HIKING GUIDES to our whole HPS activity area. The prepublication plans are completed and are being acted upon in rapid sequence.

W. E. VON PERTZ

CORRECTION

I understand that following my heart-rending item about life memberships in the last issue, headquarters was inundated with \$150 checks. The Board of Directors, having seen the potential, quickly raised the ante to \$250 (sorry about that, Bruce and Von and Whomever). It's still the best bargain around - you'll just have to plan on living 67% longer.

LARRY SALMON

PINYON
SCODIE
ONYX

November 1-2, 1969

Leader: WALLY HENRY

Twenty-nine people showed up for the many-stepped march to the top of Pinyon Pk. The age span was from seven (Pat Riseley) to seventy (Fred Bode). All enjoyed good Pinyon nut hunting and incidently climbed Pinyon.

Pleasant, warm weather added to the enjoyment of our camp at Robber's Roost.

Early Sunday morning, twenty-five people started up the rock-strewn route to Scodie Peak (not on the list), and twenty-four made it. Most agreed that this peak should be part of our game.

It was well into Sunday afternoon when the incorrigible remaining eleven took on Onyx; and of course, they all made it. An interesting statistic - the up took ninety minutes - the down only twenty -- a wonderful scree slope.

Mary Kemper was a very gracious hostess to those stopping by - a just right finish to the trip.

WALLY HENRY

BARE MOUNTAIN
MT. HILLYER

November 22, 1969

Leader: VICKI DUERR
Asst: LARRY SALMON

One of the real challenges of climbing Bare (mountain, that is) is trying to scout the trip. My first, and almost my last attempt was thwarted by two hunters looking for a moving target. Believe me, by the second shot I was really moving. The following week weather conditions prevented me from reaching the top.

November 22 dawned clear and crisp; a perfect no-hunting season day. Thirty-eight people met at Newcomb's Ranch at 9:00 and caravanned over to Horse Flats Campground. The ascent of Hillyer was uneventful, and I was happy to congratulate four on scaling their first peak.

Returning to our cars, we continued down an excellent dirt road to Pinyon Flats. On the way we suffered our first casualty, a dented fly wheel housing.

A little over half way up Bare Mtn., news was relayed up the line that Larry Salmon, assistant leader, was having a problem. One of the hikers, a man who had that same morning done his first peak, was having great difficulty breathing. As it turned out, he has emphysema, and perhaps was ill-advised trying to hike. The resultant stop for first aid analysis immediately precipitated further problems. It was apparent from the beginning that several individuals were unhappy about the slow pace of the hike. (Next time, fellas, read the write-up.) Ignoring the emergency stop, they continued on. As they were reminded and others should note, the Sierra Club Rules of Conduct state: Never precede the leader.

Bare Mtn. summit is right there on top so shortly the party was back together, signed in, looked about, and headed down.

VICKI DUERR

MT. SAN JACINTO (NON-SKED)

December 5, 1969

Leader: SID DAVIS

On Friday, December 5, Ken Smith, California State Ranger, and I started up Mt. San Jacinto. It had snowed on the previous day so the mountain was without foot-prints, and was certainly a beautiful sight.

When we reached the peak, I signed in for my 100th ascent of Mt. San Jacinto - the 66th ascent this year - over 1100 miles and over 250,000 feet (47 miles) of elevation gain.

SID DAVIS

VILLAGER PEAK
RABBIT PEAK

December 6-7, 1969

Leaders: LES STOCKTON
BERNIE PETITJEAN
PAUL LIPSOHN

Friday night the stalwarts began arriving at the Sandy Desert roadhead. Three unwary souls, amid the jeers of their peers proceeded to dig in their cars before bedding down.

At the 7:30 starting time, 33 zealots proceeded across the well-ducked washes with young Jones as scout. After mounting the primary ridge, the route is long, steady, and continually rising over rock, cactus, gravel, scree, and desert pavement. The route is easy to follow if you hold to the primary ridge and keep Clarke Lake in view at all times.

We split out the one-day group going to Villager, with Bernie Petitjean leading. These twelve moved out steadily and reached Villager about noon. The packpackers, eating lunch at 5400', bid the one-dayers "Bon Voyage" as they passed on their way down. We camped just below the summit on a level-gravelly saddle.

Your leader had made a tactical mistake by mentioning the possibility that Rabbit could be climbed on Saturday if we reached the campsite before 2:00 p.m. Thirteen climbers took advantage of this offer and hastened to Rabbit, knowing they would be returning in the dark.

The week before the climb, I had packed up five gallons of water on the assumption that the climb would be warm. Not needing it, we transferred two gallons to Rabbit so that Fran Smith could utilize it on his one-day climb the following week.

Sunday morning the remainder of the group climbed Rabbit after making certain that the Saturday climbers were well awake.

The weather was wonderful, but the trip was long although everyone was back to the cars by 4:30 p.m. Paul Lipsohn scouted (with backpack) the peaks on the adjoining ridge for possible peak inclusion. He arrived back at the camp at dusk, after completing 8000' of gain.

A fun trip, tough in length, but the easy way for two peaks (one desert emblem).

LES STOCKTON

BEAUTY PEAK
IRON SPRINGS MTN.

December 13, 1969

Leader: PAUL LIPSOHN
Asst: LES STOCKTON

Thirty-one hikers managed to find the start of our trip, in spite of late changes necessitated by the closure of Mitchell's Campground. Starting at the now locked gate at Mitchell's, we proceeded along the California Riding and Hiking Trail to a jeep road junction, thence to the abandoned Pawnee Mine for a short break and some picture taking. Continuing up the jeep road, we reached Beauty Peak summit just in time for lunch. After eating, four people elected to return to the cars, with the remainder of the group continuing cross-country to Iron Springs Peak. Along the way, four more people turned back and so the remaining 23 signed in on top. Thanks to beautiful weather, we enjoyed views of most of the peaks between Mt. Baldy to the north and Rabbit Peak to the south. We returned via Talmadge Canyon and the Pawnee Mine, reaching the cars just at dark, having covered the 16 miles and 3,700 feet of gain in nine hours.

I should add that this trip involved crossing a considerable amount of private property. We were granted permission by the landowner to hold this trip, and may be allowed to lead a group trip in the future. However, because of previous vandalism, individuals are warned against entering without permission, as the landowner will prosecute.

PAUL LIPSOHN

COMBS PEAK

December 14, 1969

Leader: PAUL LIPSOHN

Twenty hold-overs from yesterday's trip plus one new arrival met at the Oak Grove Campground to start our ascent. After a short caravan to a locked gate at the road-head, we moved almost two miles along a dirt road leading to the Lost Valley Scout Camp. We entered an unnamed wash South-West of the peak, and by following it and the adjoining ridge, attained the summit by noon. The magnificent weather of the preceding day continued, and we again enjoyed an exceptional view. Retracing our route (almost), we reached the cars about 4:00 p.m. for an early start home. The distance covered via this new route was about 12 miles, with 2,400 feet of gain. Many thanks to Bob Herlihy, Hal Paulson, Heddy, Pete, and Ray Redheffer for their help in cutting brush and making this route possible.

PAUL LIPSOHN

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LARGE TENT WANTED

Larry Salmon's sojourn in Mendocino will require the use of a wall or cottage type tent 10 x 10, 9 x 12, or a little larger. If you or somebody you know has one, and would be interested in selling it, please contact Larry at (213) 661-3542. He is scheduled to leave shortly after the first of February, so time is of the essence.

TECUYA MTN., ANTIMONY PEAK,
SAN EMIGDIO MTN., BRUSH MTN. November 15, 1969

Leader: JOHN BACKUS
Asst: DUANE McRUER

Fifty-two people in almost as many cars gathered at Lake of the Woods in a discouraging drizzle. However, the optimists in the crowd asserted that the weather would clear, so we hopefully started out. After considerable consolidation, we drove up roads 9N21 and 9N19 as far as passenger cars could be taken; from this point the summit of Tecuya Mtn is only a half hour's walk. Grading for a heliport has covered up any previous cairn and register, so a new cairn and register were provided. By this time the weather had considerably improved, so we drove back out to the Cuddy Valley road, along it to road 9N22, and up this to a miner's cabin. From this roadhead, Antimony Peak is about an hour's hike, so we had lunch on the peak as we watched fog roll in from the north. During lunch we became aware of the fact that our past chairman, the Red Baron, was not with us, which was strange because he had come along specifically to get Antimony Peak. Since he has already supplied a written confession giving his reasons for not lunching with the rest of us, we will say no more except to caution the general public that a number of individuals in the HPS now know how to hot-wire a Volkswagon.

Getting back to the highway, where a half-dozen people dropped out, we drove out the Mill Potrero road to Apache Saddle, then took road 9N34 almost to the summit of San Emigdio Mtn., where a new register was left. By this time, the fog had obscured everything; however, there is no view from San Emigdio anyway, so it didn't matter. The fog accompanied us as we drove out to the highway, up 9N27 to Marian Campground, and up a mile of jeep road to Brush Mtn. for our last peak of the day. We drove back out the Mill Potrero road, getting back to pavement about 5:00 p.m., which was only a half hour behind our schedule.

JOHN BACKUS

TRAIL MAINTENANCE
SAN GABRIEL PEAK

January 3, 1970

Leader: BRUCE COLLIER
Asst: DICK WORSFOLD

Twenty-four eager workers assembled at Red Box Ranger Station on a clear sharp winter morning. Assistant leader Dick Worsfold led one party up the Mt. Wilson road to the Markham Saddle and began work at the lower end of the trail. Leader Bruce Collier guided the remainder up the Mt. Disappointment road for an attack on the middle and upper parts of the San Gabriel Peak trail.

The route is steep, overgrown in many places by shrubs, too narrow at several places, undefined for many yards on the upper reaches, and totally absent at three points. All of these were remedied including major construction and realignment effected at one point. Here an almost vertical rock chute required cutting steps and hand holds for nearly 15 feet. Master engineers Akawie and Loveland were largely instrumental in changing this point from turn-back to passable.

By 1:00, lunch was eaten, pictures taken, and the trail given a final pat and dedicated to those who will come after.

ALOHA HAWAII - SIERRA CLUB STYLE

With air fare as low as \$85 one way plus \$5 for each island visited, an individual trip to the state of Hawaii is quite worthwhile for anyone who can enjoy nontechnical hiking and ocean swimming (especially body surfing). The Islands do get winter storms so the best weather with the least crowd would be May 1 through mid-June and mid-September through mid-October. (The latter interferes least with climbing-skiing season and ocean temperature is at its warmest - 80°!) A two week stay is recommended. By merely bringing over a dufflebag with warm-weather camping gear, including a tent (there are mosquitoes and some campgrounds require a tent), the only additional expense need be car rental (3 people can share a Datsun for about \$10 per day plus gas). There are state and county parks on all islands for camping plus two national parks -- all free, although most require obtaining a camping permit in advance. For evening entertainment, the price of a glass or two of Hawaiian beer entitles one to watch the Hawaiian show at a nearby hotel.

For information on state parks, write to the Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96809. For information on county parks, write to the County Parks Department of each county seat (Oahu--Honolulu; Island of Hawaii--Hilo; Kauai--Lihue; Maui, Lanai & Molokai--Wailuku). The Auto Club of Southern California publishes a handy booklet on the Islands; road maps and information on current events and points of interest can be obtained at car rental agencies and Tourist Bureaus located at each island's airport.

Inexpensive restaurants, where local people eat, are found in the main population centers - ask car rental agent; in outlying districts, some "hamburger stands" serve breakfast and supper also. It is recommended to have lunch food while traveling since eating places are sometimes far apart.

The writer flew to the Islands in October, 1969, and the following information is presented on the four islands visited in the hope it may be of help to others who might be interested.

Island of Hawaii

Hiking: Mauna Kea, highest peak - 13,784 feet. Regular car can be driven to 9200' (and it is a cold night to camp there with beach-camping equipment!) A 6-mile jeep road goes to summit crater rim where observatory is located so it might be possible to hitch a ride with one of the astronomers in the afternoon and then walk down. Register is located across crater from observatory. A hiking permit is necessary; write to the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of State Parks, P. O. Box 936, Hilo, Hawaii.

Mauna Loa, 13,680 (active volcano). Via the road in Volcanos National Park it is a 2-day hike, spending 1 night in a furnished cabin. However, there is a U.S. Weather Bureau station located at 11,000' on another road and might be possible to make climb from there in one day; if so, contact Division of State Parks to see if hiking permit is necessary.

Hualalai, 8251' (dormant volcano). Jeep trail close to summit; obtain permission for hike from Huehue Ranch and Bishop Estate.

Swimming: Best swimming beach on this island is Hapuna Beach (also called A. W. Carter State Park). White sand, camping and occasional waves for body surfing.

Sightseeing: Recommend flying in and out of Hilo; this permits driving around the island. South from Hilo are Kalapana Black Sand Beach, and Chain of Craters road to Volcanos National Park (if road closed by lava, some backtracking will be necessary). Moderately priced meals at Volcano House; with luck an eruption will be in process. Continue south around island to Kona Coast and to Waimea with side trip to Hapuna Beach, then continue to Hilo.

Island of Maui

Hiking: Haleakala Crater (in National Park). Ten mile round trip via Halemau Trail into crater to see Silverswords; if car shuttle can be arranged, hike down "Sliding Sands" trail and return via Halemau. The necessary hiking permit can be obtained at park headquarters. For brochure, write to: Haleakala National Park, P. O. Box 456, Kahului, Maui, Hawaii 96732.

Swimming: Beaches found on all coast roads. Best body surfing found on Hwy. 30 north of Holokohau at a small cove 50 feet below the highway.

Sightseeing: At present all roads on Maui require backtracking. The road to Hana is such that it is recommended the return trip be made the next day. A good, inexpensive meal was obtained at Aloha Restaurant in Kahului.

Island of Kauai

Hiking: From end of road on north side of island, Kalalau Trail runs 12 miles along Na Pali Coast. To hike to end requires backpacking but shorter hikes to beaches along the way could be made in one day (don't be surprised to see a helicopter land on a "secluded" beach). Topo map is recommended. Kokee State Park - Trails to high point of island, into jungle and swamps and also into Waimea Canyon. Topo map is recommended; write to Park Headquarters, Kokee State Park, Kauai, Hawaii, for further information.

Swimming: Best body surfing found at beautiful Hanalei Bay near the Hanalei Pavilion where a county park is located (obtain permit to camp). Wild surf found at a cove 100 yards east of Poipu Beach, Poipu Beach has calm water. For a dip in fresh water, visit Waipahea Falls natural slide.

Sightseeing: Drive recommended to end of road on north and south sides of island, detouring to see the "Spouting Horn" near Poipu Beach, Good Japanese restaurant in Lihue shopping center called Judy's.

Island of Oahu

Hiking information not obtained. Areas recommended for body surfing are Koko Head Beach Park, Makapuu Beach Park, and Waialeale Beach. In addition to Waikiki Beach, good calm water swimming found at Kahana Bay.

Sightseeing: Suggest driving up west side of Oahu in evening and camp at beaches north of Makaha, and watch surfers early in morning at famous Makaha Beach. Then drive north to Waimea and down east coast of Oahu, one of most beautiful in entire State of Hawaii. For "Hawaiian plate" dinner, try moderately priced Prince Kuhio's restaurant in Honolulu.

VITAL STATISTICS

New 200 Peak Bar

Luella Martin #36

New 100 Peak Emblem

Duane McRuer #215
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LET THERE BE LIGHT

There is a general lack of understanding and knowledge relating to patches, pins, and the other adjuncts of the HPS recognition program.



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The Section RING emblem combines with the patch to form the official insignia for those achieving emblem status. The cost is \$1.00



The PIN may be worn by emblem status members. The cost is \$6.00.



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